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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6457

BILL NUMBER: SB 97

DATE PREPARED: Feb 25, 2002

BILL AMENDED: Feb 25, 2002

SUBJECT: Tracking of Beer Kegs.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides for the tracking of the seller and buyer of kegs of beer.

Effective Date: (Amended) July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: Under this proposal, the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) may fine a beer dealer who fails to follow the keg registration procedures outlined in the bill. Current law sets the maximum penalty that the ATC may fine a beer dealer at \$1,000 per violation. Any fines collected would be deposited in the ATC's Enforcement and Administration Fund.

Court Fee Revenue: If additional court cases occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if infraction judgments and court fees are collected. The maximum judgment for a Class B infraction is \$1,000 which is deposited in the state General Fund. If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$70 would be assessed. 70% of the court fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources: (1) The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$70 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. (2) A \$3 fee would

be assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county law enforcement continuing education fund.
(3) A \$2 jury fee is assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county user fee fund to supplement the compensation of jury members.

State Agencies Affected: Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Don Okey, Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, 232-2463.